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Developer: tri-Ace Inc.
Publisher: Square Enix U.S.A., Inc.
Format: PlayStation®2 computer entertainment system (PS2)
Genre: RPG
ESRB: RP
Ship Date: Spring 2004

STAR OCEAN™ Till the End of Time (STAR OCEAN), the first PS2 installment in the acclaimed science fiction RPG series, continues the franchise whose fan base grows with each release. STAR OCEAN builds on the first-rate concepts of earlier games in the series and uses the technological capabilities of the PS2 to surpass them. Incorporating gorgeous cinematic sequences and an unparalleled real-time battle system, STAR OCEAN is sure to attract a new group of admirers and thrill the longtime fans of the series.

Four hundred years have passed since the climactic battle with the "Ten Wise Men". Currently it is 772 (space calendar). Humans and aliens co-exist, some in advanced societies and others in less-developed ones. The Galaxy Federation continues to research the cosmos in order to gain more influence in Space. STAR OCEAN's protagonist, Fate Linegod brings his family and childhood friend, Sophia Esteed to the Federation-managed resort planet Hida for a long deserved vacation. Their dreamy holiday turns into a nightmare when Hida is attacked by an unknown space military. In the heat of the attack, Fate is separated from his family and Sophia and begins an emotional quest into the unknown to find his loved ones.

- The ultimate sci-fi epic for enthusiasts of space travel and discovery, overflowing with adventure, exploration, moving plot turns and frenetic battles.
- An advanced real-time battle system is implemented, allowing for a party of three to freely move around the 3D battlefield. Players can execute synchronized attacks and other collaborative actions. Players can also control of any of the three characters with a simple tap of the L1 button, or can choose to play as one character while the AI controls the others.
- For the first time, fully polygonal graphics have been incorporated in STAR OCEAN, made possible by the PS2. A spectacular world can now be explored in breathtaking detail.
- STAR OCEAN lives up to its reputation as an astounding visual cinematic experience. Players will enjoy stunning graphics in all aspects of the game, including cut-scenes, maps, battle sequences, character rendering, and futuristic environments in this sci-fi masterpiece.
- Significant enhancements have been made to "Item Creation" and "Private Action".
- Real-time Dolby Surround Pro Logic®II 5.1 channel sound is used in STAR OCEAN, adding yet another element of depth to the adventure. Players will hear detailed sounds such as far away waterfalls and the approaching footsteps of an enemy.

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CHARACTER PROFILES

Fate Linegod [main character]
age: 19, male/Earth
Fate Linegod is an honest young man. Somber but extremely headstrong, his parents are the most renowned and highly respected scholars of Heraldry Genetics in the Galaxy Federation. Fate also studies Heraldry Genetics at the Burktine Science Academy, and while he is studious he prefers playing sports and games to studying. He commits himself daily to martial arts practice in the "combat simulator". Although he can be stubborn at times, he is thoughtful and never abandon a person in need.

Sophia Esteed [main character]
age: 17, female/Earth
Sophia Esteed is a very straightforward girl with a warm smile that comforts all those around her. Also a student at Burktine, she and Fate have been friends since they were toddlers. She looks up to Fate like a big brother, and like him she reaches out to people in need. She also has a fondness for cats.

Souffle Rossetti
age: 14, female/Belbezze
Souffle Rossetti is a young dancer for the Rossetti Troupe. As she dances gracefully across the stage, her silver hair and golden skin mesmerize all who are present. Everyone around her says she will grow up to be a beautiful woman, and she's hardly the type to disagree. Aware of her beauty she draws even more attention to herself by wearing bright red scarves around her wrists and waist. She has difficulty expressing herself and tends to hide her true emotions behind an easygoing façade. As a result, she sometimes looks like something weighs heavy upon her heart.

Cliff Fitter
age: 36, male/ Third Planet of the Claustro System
Cliff Fitter, a remarkable athlete, acts like a tough guy but has a gentle nature. Particular about his likes and dislikes, he indulges in the things he loves and prefers a simple life. Cliff has three green lines on his neck, a distinctive characteristic of Claustro males. The Claustro have bodies superior to those on humans. For example, their athletic skills and eye sight are far better.

Nel Zelpher
age: 23 female/Earth
Nel Zelpher is a strong-willed secret agent assigned to watch Fate's party under orders from an unknown entity. She is a mysterious individual, andher origins are unknown. Nel came prepared to sacrifice herself of others for the sake of her mission, but her kind heart gets in the way, presenting her with many dilemmas and tough decisions.

Roger S. Huxley
age: 12, male/Menodics
Roger Huxley lives in a mountainous area with the other Menodics, a race that never grows taller than three feet high. He makes every effort to prove he's a "real man". He has two underlings and together they take "tests of manhood", hoping to outdo a rival group inside the village. He is immensely curious and even at his young age has a fondness for women. He often uses his youth to act much more innocent than he really is.

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DEVELOPER COMPANY PROFILE

Established in March 1995, **tri-Ace Inc.*** (tri-Ace), based in Tokyo, Japan, has gained a reputation for developing video games which uses high-end technology to up the "fun-factor." In the short time since its inception, tri-Ace has created award-winning games through skilled use to the technology of its target platforms.

Tri-Ace's first release in 1996 (Japan only) for the Super Nintendo® Entertainment System (SNES), **Star Ocean** featured graphic quality unsurpassed at the time of its release. Despite the perceived limitations of the SNES, **Star Ocean** incorporated voice acting, an element which drew the growing fan base tri-Ace and the Star Ocean series has today.

Releases to follow included the award winning **Star Ocean The Second Story** for the PlayStation® game console (PS one™) in 1998 (North America, 1999), the PS one title, **Valkyrie Profile** in 1999 (North America, 2002) which also garnered several awards in Japan and **Star Ocean Blue Sphere** for the Game Boy® line in 2001.

STAR OCEAN Till the End of Time is the series' first PlayStation®2 computer entertainment system (PS2) title. Released in Japan in February 2003, the title has been extremely well received by media and gamers. Anticipation is high for the North America release set currently for **2004**. Development team members include: Yoshinori Yamagishi (Main Producer, Square Enix Co., Ltd.), Masaki Norimoto (Game Design), Yoshiharu Gotanda (Story, Direction, Technical Program), Shigeru Ueki (Field Program Chief), Yuichiro Kitao (Battle Program Chief).

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